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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8690

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN

C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 6919

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, KE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KENYATTA MAKES TELEVISED ADDRESS TO NATION

1. ON OCCASION OF MADARAKA DAY, JUNE 1, WHICH COMMEMORATES KENYAN ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT 14 YEARS AGO, PRESIDENT KENYATTA ADDRESSED NAIROBI CROWD OF THOUSANDS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SWAHILI. ADDRESS WAS CARRIED LIVE BY LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO.

2. SIGNIFICANCE LIES NOT IN WHAT PRESIDENT SAID (MAIN TOPIC WAS WATER DEVELOPMENT), BUT IN FACT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE THE SPEECH. THIS WAS KENYATTA'S FIRST TELEVISED ADDRESS SINCE BEFORE HIS MOST RECENT BOUT OF SERIOUS ILLNESS IN MARCH. ALTHOUGH HE READ PREPARED ENGLISH TEXT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, OBSERVERS HERE CONCUR THAT HE STRUGGLED WITH OFF-THE-CUFF REMAKRS IN SWAHILI GIVING IMPRESSION  
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HE WAS THINKING IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE. TO LONG TIME KENYATTA WATCHERS ACCUSTOMED TO PRESIDENT'S BRILLIANT AND FORCEFUL SWAHILI ORATORY, THIS REPRESENTED INDICATION OF HIS WANING CAPACITY. NONETHELESS, PREVAILING MOOD IN POLITICAL AND BUSINESS CIRCLES IS ONE OF RELIEF TO HAVE GRAPHIC EVIDENCE THAT KENYATTA IS WELL ENOUGH TO FUNCTION.

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